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Dr. Binkley To Head New Baptist Seminary



DR. BINKLEY

Trustees of the New Southeastern Baptist Seminary, which is to be located at Wake Forest, North Carolina, have elected Dr. Olin Binkley to be the first president of the institution.

Dr. Binkley is professor of Christian Ethics at the Southern Baptist Seminary, Louisville, Kentucky. When notified by long distance telephone of the trustees' action, Dr. Binkley requested a few days before giving his answer.

Dr. Binkley is one of the most scholarly men among Southern Baptists and is held in high esteem. Prior to joining the faculty of the Louisville Seminary, he was a member of the faculty of Wake Forest College and before that time was a student and made an exceptionally brilliant record.

The new seminary of which Dr. Binkley has been asked to be president, is to be opened in the fall of 1951. It will be located on the Wake Forest College campus. When Wake Forest College is moved to Winston-Salem four or five years from now, the new seminary will have the use of all of the Wake Forest College property.

Total S. B. C. Gifts Pass Ten Million

NASHVILLE, Tenn. —(BP)— Combined Southern Baptist Convention Cooperative Program and designated gifts have gone past the ten million dollar mark for the second time in history. The first time was in 1946 in connection with the relief and rehabilitation offering. The announcement was made by Dr. Duke K. McCall, executive secretary, Southern Baptist Convention Executive Committee.

Gifts totaled \$10,045,590 at the end of the days work on December 7.

In the first seven days of December,

Radio Hour To Be Dropped W. C. Morgan Named Music Head

Board Allocates \$10,000 For Building Aid

Convention Board Votes \$204,205 For State Missions

The Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, at its annual meeting last week, adopted a State Mission Budget amounting to \$204,205.

It was heart-breaking not to vote larger amounts for nearly every cause but facts are facts. And it is unwise to vote appropriations unless there is a reasonable expectation of having the money to pay them.

The budget adopted follows:

1. Church Building Aid Special Appro-by Exec. Com.	10,000.00
2. Negro Work	13,500.00
3. Indian Work	2,000.00
4. B. S. U. Campus	14,000.00
5. B. S. U. Department	10,080.00
6. Sunday School Department	20,000.00
7. B. T. U. Department	20,000.00
8. Evangelistic Conference ..	1,200.00
9. Historical Society	500.00
10. Board Retirement Plan ..	26,000.00

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Rev. Howard Aultman, pastor of the First Church, Holly Springs, will be the speaker on the Mississippi Radio Hour on December 17, using the theme "Looking Unto Jesus." He will use as his subject on that day, "The Crisis of the Cross."

Mr. Aultman will be heard over the following stations: at 8 a. m. over WHBQ, Memphis; WRBC, Jackson; WLOX Biloxi; WRJW, Picayune and at 9 a. m. over WROB, West Point.

CARE Aid Urged For Korea

CARE is appealing for funds to send relief packages from Americans to war-devastated Korea, whose people are in desperate need of food and clothing.

Contributions in any amount sent to CARE for Korea, 20 Broad St., New York 5, N. Y., will be used by the non-profit agency to deliver gift packages, in the name of the donors, to destitute

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Evangelical Press Association To Meet In Chicago Jan. 23

Opening the third annual convention of the Evangelical Press Association in Chicago's Lawton YMCA, President Henry J. Kuiper will bring his presidential address "Are We the Head or the Tail?" Tuesday evening, Jan. 23.

The convention, which closes Thursday afternoon, Jan. 25, will feature outstanding leaders in religious journalism. Robert Walker, editor of *Christian Life*, will act as master of ceremonies for the panel discussion, "What Are Editors

For?" Participating in the discussion will be B. H. Gaddis, manager of *Light and Life* press; Dr. Louis H. Benes, editor of *Church Herald*; Syd Youngsma, Chicago advertiser and publicist; C. H. Lampman, manager of *Sword of the Lord* publishers.

Other special speakers for the convention include Wesley Hartzell, of *Hearst* papers, who will speak on "Feature Articles"; Dr. Roland Wolseley, Syracuse University School of Journalism, who will speak on "The Religious Press As I See It" and "The Readability of Religious Publications"; Elvin Torsell, advertising manager of *Christian Life*, who will speak on "Importance of Layout and Design" and Dr. Harry Hager, pastor of Bethany Reformed church, Chicago, who will speak on "World Conditions."

Delegates will attend sectional conferences, led by experts in the fields of denominational publications, youth publications, Sunday School publications, general publications, missionary publications, school and college publications, and book publishers. A visit to a Chicago printing plant will highlight the convention.

Officers of the association are: Dr. Henry J. Kuiper, president; Dr. A. L. Goodrich, vice-president; Dr. Martin Erickson, treasurer and Hart Armstrong, secretary.

At the closing session of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board (the earlier sessions were reported in last week's paper), W. C. Morgan was elected as Secretary of Music, \$10,000 voted for Church Building Aid, and June 3 set as the day for the special offering for Christian Education, as ordered by the Baptist State Convention. The Board also voted to discontinue the Mississippi Baptist Radio Hour, set January 28 as the day for a special offering for the American Bible Society, adopted a State Mission budget of \$204,205 (this budget appears on another page) and also adopted budgets for the various departments.

Due to the many pressing causes and the fact that most radio stations have many religious programs and that most Baptist churches in towns with radio stations have programs, it was felt that the Mississippi Radio Hour was overlapping other programs. The Board voted to discontinue the program as of January 1. It also voted an expression of thanks to Rev. A. L. Gatewood of Itta Bena, who has given much time to promoting this program.

After first voting to give no building aid during 1951, the Board reconsidered its action and voted to allocate \$10,000 during 1951. Explanation of this action will be found on page 3.

An organization committee, who duties it will be to name the various committees of the Convention Board was elected. They are: Rev. R. W. Martin, Batesville; Dr. S. R. Woodson, Columbus; Dr. Wilbern Lawrence, Meridian; Dr. John E. Barnes, Jr., Hattiesburg and Rev. Carey Cox, West Point.

It was voted to have a committee on evangelism and Executive Secretary Chester Quarles was asked to name the

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Some Hotels Full For S. B. Convention

According to an announcement by Carl M. Halverson, chairman of the Convention publicity committee for the Southern Baptist Convention which meets in San Francisco in June, 1951, some hotels are already full for that time.

No more reservations are to be sent to the three headquarters hotel: The Drake-Wilshire, The Sir Francis Drake and the Chancellor. Also reservations are no longer available in the Alexander-Hamilton and the Shaw.

Mr. Halverson states that if a reservation is sent to a hotel whose reservation list is filled, the request will be turned over to the San Francisco Convention and Tourist Bureau, which will forward it to another hotel.

The Baptist Record EF Plan Increases Finances

National Council Of Churches Is Formed

CLEVELAND (RNS)—The National Council of the Churches of Christ in the United States of America came into being here at 11 a. m. on November 29 as a single cooperative agency of 29 denominations to advance the Christian cause at home and abroad.

Exactly on the hour, Dr. Franklin Clark Fry, president of the United Lutheran Church in America, and presiding officer at the opening plenary business session of the four-day convention, solemnly declared the new interdenominational organization officially constituted.

"Let us now dedicate it to the glory of God and to the service of mankind," he said, and nearly 4,000 delegates, alternates, consultants and visitors rose to their feet in the vast Cleveland Auditorium and united in a prayer of dedication.

"And now," they intoned in unison, "as a fellowship of Christian Churches, in the communion of saints, in love and good will toward all, in gratitude for the labors and sacrifices of our fathers, in loving remembrance of those who have finished their course, acknowledging that without us their work is not made perfect.

"We invoke the blessing of God upon this National Council of the Churches of Christ in the United States of America and dedicate the Council to His glory and the service of mankind, in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit."

A fervent "Amen" blended with the strains of the organ as the music proceeded to a crescendo leading into the Doxology. . . "Praise God, from whom all blessings flow . . ."

Pageantry, color and symbols probably unequalled in the history of American Protestantism marked the impressive ceremony of constituting the National Council by the 25 Protestant and four Eastern Orthodox communions represented in the eight major interdenominational agencies merged in the new organization.

As the service got under way, four trumpeters sounded a fanfare to signal the entrance of a procession of nearly 500 clergy and laymen, most of them garbed in ecclesiastical vestments of many colors.

A robed cross-bearer led the procession down the auditorium's central aisle toward tables forming a cross in front of the stage. He was followed by a blue and white robed male choir from Christ Church of Shaker Heights, Ohio. Then came two altar boys carrying the American and Christian flags, followed by the maroon-robed women's choir of Schaufler College in Cleveland.

As the choirs formed in front of the stage, a Seminary student carried a large open Bible to the altar. He was followed into the hall by the representatives of the 29 communions constituting the new Council.

Next came the representatives of the eight merging agencies, the state, county and city councils of churches, local church officials, and members of the Planning Committee for the National Council.

The procession ended with the entrance of the voting delegations, each group preceded by a standard bearer carrying a white banner which bore the National Council insignia and the de-

nomination's name. Delegates moved to their assigned places at the tables as the gathering sang, "The Church's One Foundation."

Radio Hour To Be Dropped

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committee; they are: Rev. J. M. Metts, Rev. John T. Dearing, Rev. M. S. Varnado, Rev. C. W. Thompson, W. G. Stewart, Rev. Carmen Savell, Rev. H. A. Milner, and Purser Hewitt.

\$22,000 was allocated for associational missions. Counties sharing in this money are: Attala, Alcorn, Benton, Bolivar, Calhoun, Carroll-Montgomery, Itawamba, Jackson, Jasper, Jones, Lowndes, Marion, Marshall-Lafayette, Newton, Panola-Yalobusha, Pearl River, Pontotoc, Prentiss, Riverside, Scott, Tishomingo, Union Association, Warren, Winston, Gulf Coast, and Mississippi.

The Board also voted that county missionaries would be required to live on the field.

Pastoral Aid was granted to 42 churches. They are listed as follows: New Hope, Attala, North Union, Attala; Sand Hill, Attala; Big Creek, Calhoun, Calvary, Deer Creek; Louise; Wildwood, Deer Creek; Gulfport, Success Mission; Lyman; Riverside; West Gulfport; Robinson Street Hinds; Bellefontaine, Jackson; Hurley, Jackson, Stonewall, Kemper; Union Hill, Kemper; Key Field, Lauderdale; Bismark, Lawrence, Riverside, Lawrence; Sauls Valley, Lawrence, Beacon Street, Neshoba; New Prospect, Newton; Zion Hill, Pearl River, North McComb, Pike; Greenwood, Pike; Bellevue, Pontotoc; Pleasant Ridge, Prentiss; Value, Rankin; Sandridge, Scott; Calvary, Simpson; Center Hill, Smith; Golden Central, Tishomingo, Springfield Chapel, Union Association Washington, Union Association Woodlawn, Warren; South Louisville, Winston; Macedonia; Winston; Calvary, Yazoo; Alexander, Deer Creek; Beulah, Deer Creek; Pleasant Ridge, Oktibbeha; Oldham, Tishomingo.

Dr. John E. Barnes, Rev. M. A. Davis and Rev. H. A. Milner were appointed as a committee to administer the money used for Negro work. The committee on nominations named two committees. They are the Baptist Record Advisory Committee and the Social Service Committee.

The Baptist Record Advisory Committee is composed of Dr. W. Douglas Hudgins, Purser Hewitt, Rev. Joe Abrams, Rev. J. H. Street and Mrs. J. A. Anderson.

The Social Service Committee includes: W. G. Stewart, Rev. J. R. Davis, Dr. F. J. Chastain, Rev. John T. Dearing and Dr. Wilburn Smith.

The committee on Indian Work is composed of Marion W. Perry, Rev. C. C. Weaver, Lester White, Rev. James Fairchild and Jack Stewart.

The committee to study Temperance work is Dr. D. Swan Haworth, Rev. C. W. Thompson, Dr. S. R. Woodson, Dr. W. L. Clark and Dr. Wilburn Lawrence.

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REV. BILLY ROBY, WHO IS A MISSISSIPPI College student, has accepted the pastorates of two half-time churches: Farmhaven in Madison County and Mt. Carmel at Edinburg. He formerly served as pastor of the mission of First Church, Canton.

MISSISSIPPIAN TO SERVE IN FLORIDA S. S. DEPT.



—(Courtesy The Birmingham News)

DR. CLARENCE WATSON

A native of Yazoo City, Dr. Clarence Watson, has been elected associate in the Sunday School Department of the Florida Baptist Convention.

Dr. Watson is a graduate of Mississippi College, the Southern Baptist Seminary and the Southwestern Seminary where he received his doctorate last May.

Mrs. Watson is the former Frances Hairston of Rome, Georgia. She is a graduate of Shorter College, Rome, Ga. and holds the M.R.E. from the WMU Training School of Louisville, Kentucky.

CARE Aid Urged for Korea

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Korean families chosen on the basis of greatest need.

Six types of CARE packages are available: Food, underwear and socks, or

Convention Board Votes

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11. Convention Expense	600.00
12. Board Meetings	3,000.00
13. State Mission Promotion & Tracts	1,500.00
14. Institutional Visitation	4,765.00
15. W. M. U. Department Field Work	9,500.00
16. Pastoral Evangelism	7,500.00
17. Service Men's Aid	1,200.00
18. Brotherhood	11,540.00
19. Associational Missions	22,000.00
20. Preachers Bible School	1,000.00
21. Temperance	5,000.00
22. Associational Missionary Institute	300.00
23. Chinese Mission	1,200.00
24. Miscellaneous	3,000.00
25. Braille Evangel	100.00
26. Dept. of Rural Church Work	6,500.00
27. Bible Teacher—Co-Lin	180.00
28. Bible Teacher—Perkins-ton Jr. College	180.00
29. Natchez College (Extension Work)	750.00
30. Sanatorium	600.00
31. Raymond—Hinds Jr. College	180.00
32. Music	5,000.00
33. Radio	1,080.00
34. Penitentiary Religious Supplies	250.00
Total	\$204,205.00

woolen suiting, at \$10 each, knitting wool, \$13; woolen blanket and cotton fabrics, \$7 each. Contributions less than the cost of a complete package will be pooled. All donors will receive a CARE receipt.

The CARE campaign was undertaken at the request of the Advisory Committee on Voluntary Foreign Aid of the U.S. Department of State and has been endorsed by President Truman.

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Regarding Church Building Aid

By Chester L. Quarles,
Executive Secretary

It may be helpful for a statement to be made in regard to the decision of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board to cut the allocation of church building aid to \$10,000. The facts are very revealing and should be convincing.

Audit Committee

The Audit Committee, composed of outstanding laymen, presented a very strong report. It was revealed that there are no surplus or reserve funds as there have been for the last several years. The reason for this, it was shown, is that such large appropriations were made last year in building aid. The 1949 Budget and Allocations Committee first suggested \$25,000. The 1949 Board accepted this but later added \$15,000 out of surplus and/or reserve funds. After this, several large grants raised this total to over \$80,000. Actually, the Audit Committee reported, the 1949 Convention Board allocated in grants other than building aid more than could be expected as income. With the large grants, the situation became acute.

50-50 Division

In the last two years, our mission fund division percentage between Southwide and State objects has gone from 60-40 to 50-50. In spite of the fact that during 1950 an increase of more than \$65,500 was received in the Cooperative Program gifts, the 50-50 division of funds caused us to have less mission money for "state missions" (the fund from which "church building aid" comes) than in the previous year.

Difficult Situation

In light of this, the Executive Secretary suggested a \$10,000 decrease in the administrative-promotional budget. Several items were dropped from the "state mission" budget for the coming year.

Building Aid

When the applications for church building aid were received, it was found that 101 churches had requested \$195,650.00 for the coming year. Since the total state mission budget must come within the \$250,000 mark, this situation was looked upon with great concern.

Budget Committee's Dilemma

What to do? What could be done? An effort to give every requesting church some of the few thousand dollars available would have made each grant ridiculously low. Every request had merit. Who could possibly determine which were the most worthy? Someone suggested that we should consider only the requests coming from small, weak country churches. It was soon determined that the total requests from rural churches totaled over \$140,000. The problem could not be solved that way.

Building Aid Committee

The Budget and Allocations committee invited the Church Building Aid Committee to sit with them to look at the problem in the light of the whole picture. This splendid committee came in and the problem was thoroughly discussed. Though no one wanted to do so, the decision was finally reached that no building aid would be granted in 1950.

Everybody Unhappy

This was suggested to the full Board and after much discussion was accepted. No one was happy about it. Later the suggestion was accepted that we allocate \$5,000 for emergency needs. Even then the Board was not happy about it, and on the second day reconsidered the whole matter and allocated \$10,000 for church building aid (\$1,000 of this can only be used for emergencies com-

ing from fire, flood or tornado). Mississippi Baptists made two such emergency grants during last year.

Radio

To make possible the last \$5,000 in the church building fund, it was decided to discontinue the Mississippi Baptist Radio Hour on December 31, 1950.

Executive Committee

The Executive Committee now has the very difficult job of deciding which of the 101 churches requesting aid are in dire distress. Only these can be helped. This fine committee will need prayer and sympathy and not criticism.

Other States

Since our problem was so acute we looked to our adjoining states. Louisiana allocated \$1,200 for emergency building aid! Alabama allocated \$1,000 for emergency building aid. Tennessee has no building fund at all! And beyond these borders - Georgia had last year an emergency fund of \$6,000! Florida last year had no building aid fund! Virginia had none!

In the light of these facts, we must study the whole problem for the sake of our future. For many years Mississippi has aided weak churches in building. It has only been in the last few years that so many requests have come.

Facts Given

These facts are given so that every Mississippi Baptist might know them and be given an opportunity to appraise them. The Mississippi Baptist Convention Board did what it thought was best to do in the light of these facts.

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Marker Describes Blue Mtn. Founding



The Mississippi Historical Commission recently installed a permanent metal marker on State Highway 15, commemorating the founding of Blue Mountain College, the oldest college for women in Mississippi. Pictured above is the marker and Lawrence T. Lowrey, President of the college and grandson of the founder, making a speech of acceptance, and Miss Perrin Turner, Marks, great granddaughter of the founder who unveiled the marker.

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A PEIPING RADIO REPORT SAYS that 4,223 Chinese have signed a "Christian Manifesto" in Shanghai calling for the severing of all ties with the West and the establishment of an indigenous church.

LEADERSHIP CONFERENCES

— and —

LAYMEN'S RALLIES

Under Direction of

CHESTER L. QUARLES

Executive Secretary

Mississippi Baptist Convention Board

JANUARY 8-26

**ONE DAY . . . Morning . . . Afternoon
Night**

--- SCHEDULE ---

District 12	Richton	January 8
District 13	First, Gulfport	January 9
District 14	First, Columbia	January 10
District 15	Friendship, McComb	January 11
District 1	Van Winkle	January 12
District 10	Raleigh	January 15
District 11	New Hope (Lauderdale)	January 16
District 8	Louisville, First Church	January 17
District 9	Durant	January 18
District 2	Indianola	January 19
District 3	Grenada, First Church	January 22
District 4	Batesville	January 23
District 6	Baldwyn	January 24
District 5	New Albany	January 25
District 7	Aberdeen	January 26

World Missions

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G. NORMAN PRICE
HAROLD G. BASDEN

Church in Action

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JOHN W. WELLS
SAM SCANTLAN

Stewardship

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HARRY L. SPENCER
MARTIN J. GILBERT

Evangelism

CHESTER L. QUARLES
A. L. GOODRICH

Laymen

GEORGE SCHRODER
HARRY L. SPENCER
W. R. ROBERTS
CHESTER L. QUARLES

• MEETINGS WILL BEGIN PROMPTLY AT 9:45 A. M.

• LUNCH WILL BE SERVED BY HOST CHURCH

MEN:

Laymen's Rallies are being held in the evening at 7:30. Attend the Conference in the daytime if you can — but DO NOT MISS the Laymen's Rally. This is especially for laymen. It was planned for the evening to make it possible for all laymen to be present. An excellent program has been arranged.

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Good Board Meeting

Good and constructive describes the recent meeting of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board. The proceedings of the last afternoon's meeting will be found on another page. The proceedings up to noon on Tuesday appeared in the last issue.

Next week's issue will carry an explanation of the various appropriations made by the Board.

From many sources we have heard expressions of appreciation of the faithful work of the Board members. The feeling that we had a good and constructive meeting has been expressed by many.

And we want to add our own word of appreciation for the work of the Board. For many of the members it required two days and parts of two nights and all of one night to attend the meeting. Many of them rose early on Monday morning, drove long distances, started meeting at 10 o'clock, adjourned at 1:30 p. m., immediately began committee meetings that lasted until well after midnight, started sessions at eight on Tuesday morning and adjourned at five o'clock that afternoon. Then a long drive through rain and sleet for home.

And their only pay is expenses for the trip. We call that sacrificial service.

Here is a hearty "AMEN" for our Convention Board Members.

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Add To Your Christmas List

Most people, at this time of the year, are thinking about what to give for Christmas presents and to whom to give Christmas presents. May we suggest one person who deserves one and who would greatly appreciate one—the pastor.

At this Christmas season we suggest that each family take some

token of love to the pastor. We are not thinking of something expensive but a love gift. Nor are we suggesting that the church make an offering among the members. This should be done in many cases. But it would make the givers happy and bring an expression of joy to the faces of pastors if the families of his church would give some simple present as an expression of their love and appreciation.

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Remember The Pastor

Most churches do, but for the few that forgot at Christmas, 1949, we suggest that a Christmas present to your pastor would be most appropriate. Not only should churches do as suggested above, but many families should include the pastor on their Christmas list.

One present from each family in your church would mean much to many pastors.

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Some Facts About The National Council Of Churches

By PORTER ROUTH, Secretary
Department of Survey, Statistics, and
Information

Representatives from 29 denominations with 31,183,227 communicant members met in Cleveland, Ohio, November 20-December 1 to organize the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the United States of America.

As one who seeks to make a study of religious movements in the world, I attended the constituting sessions as a press representative in order that I might bring this first-hand report.

The National Council is an outgrowth of the Inter-Council Field Department which organized by four "inter-church" councils in 1939. Specific recommendations looking toward the National Council of Churches came out of a Study Conference called for December 9-11, 1941, when it was agreed that the committee representing a number of the "inter-church" organizations would work toward

the "creation of a single corporate agency to succeed all of the existing councils."

It is correct to say that many of the leaders in the National Council of Churches movement have been advocates of total church union and doubtless think of the new organization as furnishing a backdrop for further developments in that field. However, this view does not represent the majority viewpoint of the 600 constituent members who made up the first General Assembly. The framers of the National Council recognize this honest difference and included as one of the articles in the new Constitution:

"The Council shall have no authority or administrative control over the churches which constitute its membership. It shall have no authority to prescribe a common creed, or form of church government, or form of worship, or to limit the autonomy of the churches co-operating in it." (The term "church" represents a denomination in their thinking.)

The creation of the National Council of Churches does not represent any great forward step in inter-denominational unity in the United States. The fact is that there are fewer denominations in the newly organized Council than there were in the different councils before the merger. For example, the United Brethren and the Free Methodist withdrew from the International Council of Religious Education when it voted to enter the new National Council. The Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board withdrew from the Foreign Missions Conference when the Foreign Mission Conference made plans to enter the National Council. The significance of the new organization will be in the impact it expects to make through the united promotion efforts of all inter-denominational organizations in one unit.

It is interesting to study the functions of the old organizations in the framework of the new Council. For example, the Federal Council of Churches is no more. Most of the work of the old Federal Council of Churches will be undertaken by the new Division of Christian Life and Work of the National Council. The International Council of Religious Education has become the Division of Christian Education of the National Council. The Foreign Missions Conference of North America has become the Division of Home Missions. Outside of these four main divisions, there are the general departments of United Church Women and United Church Men. There are Central Departments which will work with all units of Treasury and Business Management, Fi-

nance, Field Administration, Research, Survey, and Library, Public Relations, Broadcasting and Films, Economical Relations, Church World Service, Bureau of Church Architecture, and Publication and Distribution.

It was my definite feeling before going to Cleveland that the leaders of this movement are definitely on the wrong track in their approach to the problems they see. This theological conviction was strengthened after leaving. In addition, I wonder if even the most skilled experts will be able to extricate themselves from the maze of organization which they have erected.

I feel sure that the men and women who constituted this National Council are sincere in their belief that the movement has something to offer in the making of a more effective Christian witness in these awful times in which we live. But it is my candid opinion that new and greater problems have been created than have been solved. Many men who are aligned with the new National Council of Churches consider Southern Baptists as narrow and provincial, but several messengers expressed to me a growing appreciation of the fact that Southern Baptists have adhered to their principles. Not once during the entire session did I hear a derogatory remark by any speaker aimed at those who refused to join in with them.

It is to be hoped that a spirit of Christian understanding of stands which have been taken will prevail between the leadership of the National Council of Churches and the churches of the Southern Baptist Convention. At the same time, we must recognize there are areas of tension which might easily develop.

The first and most easily seen area of tension will come through the activity of the expanding Central Department of Field Administration. In the by-laws of the Department its first objective is stated as follows. "To encourage the development of an inclusive type of co-operative agency to serve the communities and churches in their ministry to the religious needs of people in states, cities, and local areas. An inclusive type of council means a council of churches which is responsible for all co-operative functions in the community or area which it serves. These functions may include evangelism, Christian education, Social and international relations, social welfare service, ministry in public institutions, radio and television, stewardship education, missionary endeavor, men's work, women's work and youth work."

Since regional field headquarters have been set up at Atlanta, Georgia, and Dallas, Texas, it is easy to see how tension could develop on the grass roots level, especially in work with laymen and women, which would extend to the national level if the Council field departments seek to apply pressures on local Baptist congregations in such a varied scope of activities.

The second area of tension, which is not so obvious but which is more basic in the thinking of an overwhelming majority of Southern Baptists, finds its root in the fundamental conception of the nature and mission of the church. A number of speakers compared the new National Council of Churches to the United Nations, a comparison which points up this basic difference. For the basic doctrine of the United Nations, as is now being demonstrated as vividly to the world, is the hope that peace may be achieved through the application of external force. This is the practice of the Roman Catholic Church. One of the purposes of the New Division of Chris-

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Our Readers Write

Dear Mr. Goodrich:

My father, R. M. Cotton, prayed for the unforeseen EVERY FAMILY plan but passed on err his dream was fulfilled. He was a regular subscriber back before the birth of the Baptist Record. As a child I remember in the 1880's reading a church paper, edited by a Mr. Hurst in Winona. It was a two page edition and my father saw to it that we ever had the Baptist Record and how he yearned for all Baptists to have it in their home.

MRS. TOM SIKES

Dear Editor:

Upon my return from the recent meeting of the State Convention, I find that I have certain definite convictions which I wish to present for your prayerful consideration.

First, I believe that the rank and file of Mississippi Baptists are tired of having a continuous squabble in their convention. I cannot believe that God is the author of confusion. We receive much cheap publicity as a result, which is retroactive to the basic principles of Baptist Doctrine. "Let brotherly love be without dissimulation, abhor that which is evil; cleave to that which is good." Roman 12:9.

But some may say that such practice would destroy debate, our freedom of speech, and democracy; I do not believe that to be true. Those who boast of their pride in our being able to squabble and part on friendly terms should consider again, "For, brethren, ye have been called unto liberty; only use not liberty for an occasion to the flesh, but by love serve one another." Gal. 5:13 and again, "As free, not using your liberty for a cloak of maliciousness, but the servant of God." I Peter 2:16.

Second, The Roberts Rules of Order, by which we by common consent have agreed to govern the parliamentary proceedings of our convention, are for the mutual benefit of all concerned. Both the majority and the minority are benefitted by strict adherence to such principles; but when trickery and technicalities are resorted to all suffer. Also an unnecessary heavy burden is laid upon the presiding officer.

Third, the fact that certain of our brethren have opinions differing from ours is not conclusive evidence that he is not honest, sincere, christian in nature, fundamental in Bible interpretation, a servant of God, and a soldier of the Cross. Hence, we, to be ethical and Christian in character, should refrain from the utterance of statements which would leave a question in the minds of others as to his character. "Him that is weak in the faith receive ye, but not to doubtful disputations." Romans 14:1.

Fourth, during the past decade Mississippi Baptists have made remarkable progress for which we are humbly grateful. Adjustments have included the naming of some of these representative groups on certain boards and committees displacing often-times some who have been prominent in leadership in the past, but let us consider that as a result of God's blessing, progress is inevitable. Let us not limit God's blessing by refusing to adjust our business in keeping with such progress. "Be kindly affectioned one to another with brotherly love; in honor preferring one another." Romans 12:10.

Finally, when we meet in session we should seek to be a living example of Christian conduct both to our laymen and to curious inquirers. Only recently a layman mentioned how he had been troubled by what he had heard in the convention. "Wherefore, if meat make my brother to offend, I will eat no flesh while the world standeth, lest I make my brother to offend." I Cor. 8:13 also, "Who art thou that judgest another man's servant? to his own master be

SOME FACTS ABOUT (Continued From Page Four)

tian Life and Work is "to serve as an agency through which the churches may exert their influence in relation to other community agencies and enterprises."

We would not say that this objective is immoral nor would we say that the church should not seek to "promote the application of the law of Christ in every relation of human life." However, we do deny what we believe is a fundamental fallacy in the application of external pressures. We believe that society is changed for righteousness only by changed men, by men who have a definite experience of the grace of God through Jesus Christ. We further believe that faith loses its vitality when it is watered down to the lowest common denominator. A dynamic faith finds its roots in fundamental convictions.

I might add that the vote of the General Assembly requesting the General Board "to weigh carefully... the advantage and possibility of establishing such (national) headquarters in an area reasonably adjacent to the population center of the U.S." was a reaction by a substantial majority of those making up the constituting convention against some of the extreme positions which have been taken in this matter of social pressure. A number of delegates expressed the opinion to me that they felt the social and spiritual air of the midlands was much better for the nurture of the new baby than the New York City atmosphere. It was evident that the National Council would lose the confidence of many of its constituent members if the General Board refused to heed this request.

I firmly believe that the disadvantages which would result by Southern Baptists joining in such a movement far outweigh any advantages which might be gained. The vestments, the forms, the techniques are utterly foreign to Southern Baptists. However, there are two factors which we should take into account in making a fair appraisal of those who have joined. The first is that most of these denominations have the majority of their members, or else have their national headquarters, in centers where Roman Catholics completely dominate the picture. I feel certain that the sense of religious frustration resulting in the minds of many Protestants in these areas has led them to seek some means of combating this tremendous power. Southern Baptists, with some exceptions, have not had to face this problem. Another factor is the tremendous wave of secularism which has engulfed the large metropolitan centers. Unable to make any dent in the community and the church where they work, many laymen, women, and ministers have turned their energies into an ecumenical quest for the Holy Grail. Unable to reach the world, they derive a certain sense of satisfaction in at least holding hands with a fellow Christian.

As one Southern Baptist, I know that all men have a right to express their convictions. I can pray that all men who witness in the name of Jesus Christ as Lord and Saviour shall find peace for their own hearts and fruits for their labors. However, I must abide by the convictions which I have found through my own personal Christian experience and through the study of God's Word.

standeth or falleth. Yea he shall be holden up; for God is able to make him stand." Romans 14:4. Please allow God's word to instruct us in our conduct in order that we may reflect the beauty and glory of Him whom to know aright is eternal life—W. R. Austin, Louisville.

Morgan Elected Music Dept. Head



W. C. MORGAN

A the recent Convention Board meeting, W. C. Morgan, who has served as associate in the Training Union Department for the past two and one-half years, was elected Secretary of Music. Before his connection with the Training Union Department, Mr. Morgan served as Music Director of First Church, Vicksburg.

The new secretary was educated at Mississippi College, Southwestern Seminary and the Vandercook School of Music in Chicago.

—BR—

Van Winkle Choir To Give Cantata

"The Manger Prince" by Louise Stairs will be given by the Van Winkle Choir on Sunday night, December 17, at the regular worship service. It will be under the direction of the Minister of Music and Education, Will Lowe, accompanied by Miss Margaret Tisdale.

Soprano soloists will be Misses Jean Evans, Jane Lewis, Phyllis Galloway, Mrs. Fred Askergren, and Mrs. Eugene Ginn. Mrs. Bill Lowe and Miss Billie Mae Weeks will be the alto soloists, and the bass soloist will be Bill Lowe.

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Gallman Progresses

Gallman Church has adopted a budget of \$22,000, an increase from \$18,000 last year.

Since the coming of H. A. Thrasher in May, the church has had its first Vacation Bible School. The Sunday School enrolment has grown from 45 to 107. The Training Union has shown similar growth and has just completed a study course, the first one to be held in several years.

A Brotherhood has been organized.

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THE BAPTIST RECORD HAS RECEIVED a copy of the minutes of the Union County Association, which held its meeting at Igomar and Jericho Churches. Rev. W. C. Rakestraw is the moderator and C. A. Smith is the clerk. The minutes are presented in an attractive and easy-to-read form and an excellent job was done in the printing.

For I can share with other men only that which I believe to be truth.

This past week I received a letter from a pastor who was telling me the secret of his long pastorate of more than 30 years with one church. "My formula has been," he wrote, "to tell the truth, love all men, and work hard at my own business." That is a pretty good program for Southern Baptists.

SUNDAY SCHOOL AND TRAINING UNION ATTENDANCE December 10, 1950

GRENADA, FIRST	727	140
KOSCIUSKO, FIRST	602	173
Jackson, Parkway	918	314
Jackson, Ita Woods	184	104
Jackson, Daniel Memorial	460	406
Jackson, Van Winkle	419	233
Jackson, Calvary	1,401	377
Calvary Mission	21	32
Jackson, Northside	588	162
Jackson, Southside	274	127
Jackson, Davis Memorial	504	291
Chapel Hill (Hinds County)	61	92
East Side (Rankin County)	142	75
Cherry Creek		
(Pontotoc County)	67	53
East McComb	431	227
East Fork	103	35
Carson	107	73
Springfield (Scott County)	100	
Lucedale	277	102
McComb, First	611	141
Crystal Springs, First	678	164
Bruce	278	98
Calhoun City	280	119
Anding (Yazoo County)	35	33
Mt. Zion (Lincoln County)	119	51
Friendship (Pike County)	178	97
Bethlehem (Jones County)	144	84
Bogue Chitto (Pike County)	78	49
Columbus, First	929	293
Columbia, First	712	197
Sand Hill (Jones County)	96	89
Brookhaven, First	957	439
Main School	731	287
Hamilton St. Chapel	95	76
Central Chapel	131	76
Brookhaven, Pearlhaven	139	77
Newton	528	291
South McComb	232	60
West Laurel	432	144
Friendship (Lincoln County)	74	52
Calvary (Amite County)	82	83
Center Church		
(Union County)	133	65
Wallerville	87	94
Ingomar	134	68
Houlka (Hickasaw County)	86	44
Union Chapel		
(Chickasaw County)	55	43
Greenwood (Pike County)	63	58
Laurel, Second Avenue	403	95
East Louisville	81	55
Springfield (Scott County)	100	
Laurel, First	556	137
Fair River (Lincoln County)	89	60
Gulfport, First	871	234
Columbus, East End	215	80
Louisville, First	555	244
Oloh (Lamar County)	57	51
Meridian, First	749	69
Meridian, Highland	530	179
Meridian, 15th Avenue	521	109
15th Avenue Chapel	27	
Meridian, Poplar Springs	345	95
Poplar Springs Mission	32	18
Meridian, South Side	322	140
Meridian, 8th Avenue	307	93
Meridian, 41st Avenue	305	81
Meridian, Oakland Heights	187	78
Meridian, Oak Grove	159	84
Meridian, Key Field	94	29
Pascagoula, First	864	329
Main School	641	234
Eastlawn Mission	72	35
Unity Mission	73	60
McArthur Mission	24	
Jackson Ave. Mission	26	
Orange Grove Mission	28	
Clarksdale	633	

December 3, 1950

Cherry Creek		
(Pontotoc County)	68	46
Union (Alcorn County)	69	72
Louisville, First	477	133
Union Chapel		
(Chickasaw County)	58	48
Bethlehem (Scott County)	148	100
McComb, Locust Street	43	

—BR—

DEATH IS NO MORE UNNATURAL, and no more to be feared, than birth.—Brotherhood Journal.

A SPIRIT WITHOUT A BODY IS A ghost; a body without a spirit is a corpse.—Brotherhood Journal.

A Dean's Impression

The following editorial by Dr. Walter F. Taylor, dean of Blue Mountain College, appeared in the current number of THE MOUNTAIN BREEZE, student literary publication of the College.

ON DISCOVERING B. M. C.

Many a time I have read with interest in a college periodical, some freshman's impressions of the brave new world of higher education, and I have wondered whether a teacher might venture the same sort of testimony. It is now three years since I was initiated into Blue Mountain—a lapse of time that, as student bodies go, might very well give me senior standing. Within that time I have come to value many things about Blue Mountain College and its community; many things, but especially three.

In the first place, ours is a very friendly, kindly community, and something more. Some communities build up, unfortunately, a kind of tradition of personal humiliation. If an individual errs, or does ill, or even asserts a healthy individuality, he is cracked down on, semi-ostracized, and generally made to feel that he is a "wrong un". It has been a great pleasure to find a minimum of that sort of thing in Blue Mountain; to find, instead, a fine tolerance of human weakness, and a willingness to build up the other person rather than to tear him down. Few things are more important in giving one a sense of "belonging" in the community; few go farther toward giving him that priceless possession, a sense of his worth and value as an individual human being.

In the second place, Blue Mountain has in very high degree the quality I call educational integrity. Many a page might be written on that subject alone. It must suffice to say here, that that integrity depends wholly, as on a rock foundation, on the fine personal quality of our student group. The test of it is the successful working of student government, and one of its principal proofs is the practically complete absence of cheating on examinations un-supervised by any teacher. Learning, in short, has to be genuine learning, and not mere pretense or facade.

In the third place, Blue Mountain has developed, almost as it were without calculating it, a means of education through disciplined self-expression. One of the great discoveries of modern education is the value of learning by means of doing, for oneself, things in which one is vitally interested; one of its great

PLEASANT HILL CHURCH ORDAINS FOUR DEACONS

An ordination service was held Sunday afternoon, December 3, for four new deacons, at the Pleasant Hill Church in Lincoln county. Rev. A. L. Goodson, Fair River, pastor, preached the ordination Sermon. Rev. John Flowers, pastor, Shady Grove Church, led the ordination prayer.

Special music was furnished by the Co-Lin Quartet, composed of Kenneth Furr, Berry Givens, Jack Davis and Joe Pace.

The four deacons who were ordained were Chester Wallace, James Bullock, Carl Gatlin, and Carl Reeves.

Rev. C. R. Meredith is the pastor.

disasters is the way in which this discovery has been cheapened into an excuse for mere self-indulgence and disorder—so much so that even my phrase, "disciplined self-expression", is bound to seem to many people a self-contradiction. It was quite a discovery to find, on coming to Blue Mountain, to what degree Blue Mountain girls learn by doing things for themselves and by doing them with trained and disciplined excellence—whether the accomplishment be in athletics, in creative writing; in giving a formal dinner; in producing a play, or opera; or in whatever field.

In our changing times, there must necessarily be some changes in college life; yet the basic things in higher education are very stable indeed, and tend to last on stubbornly from generation to generation. It is my earnest hope that the three qualities I have mentioned above will prove to be lasting ones; that Blue Mountain will continue to give its people a sense of belongingness and of personal worth; that it will maintain its educational integrity; and that it will continue to educate by means of a union of self-expression and discipline.

W. F. Taylor.

-- Woman's Missionary Union --

President—Mrs. Wilma B. Sledge, Jackson; Exec. Sec'y.—Miss Edwina Robinson
Young People's Sec'y.—Miss Nell Taylor

EVANGELISTIC CRUSADE AND COMMUNITY MISSIONS

It is my conviction that the Simultaneous Evangelistic Crusade is of God—that it is His plan for us as Southern Baptists for this time, not only to concentrate on winning lost people to Christ but to call Christians back to the main purpose of all Christian life and activity. It is my hope that we will enter wholeheartedly as individuals and as an organization into the promotion of this great movement throughout our state, encouraging every society to help with efforts to reach un-churched areas around them.

This is nothing new to W.M.U. From the days of "Kindly deeds" to "Personal Service" and on to "Community Missions", soul-winning has been the "ultimate" aim, coming progressively closer to us with each step. We are now on the threshold of seeing it become the "chief mission" of a missionary society.

With this history behind us, the emergency of world need upon us and the stimulus of cooperation of all our forces with us let us employ every means and opportunity possible to develop through practice every Christian member, young and old, of our missionary organizations, to become soul winners.

Every W.M.U. organization—except Sunbeams and possibly some junior groups should be urged to concentrate on soul-winning efforts as their community missions work this year. Let us begin now to:

1. Discover and list unsaved in community.
2. To hold cottage prayer meetings for these and for a spiritual revival to come upon us all.
3. Secure and distribute gospels and tracts to unsaved.
4. Enlist shut-ins in Intercessory Prayer Leagues.
5. Promote establishment of family altars in all Christian homes especially new and young Christians.
6. Develop a regular and permanent program of evangelistic visitation.
7. Work in close cooperation with pastors, both in the planning and follow-up work.
8. Keep record of contacts and results to prevent overlapping efforts and oversight and to aid in follow-up work.

Every W.M.U. President, Y.P. Director, and all Community Missions Chairmen should keep informed on the Crusade program and its progress in their association and seek to lead all the members to cooperate to the fullest in all the work—co-operate and not initiate.

A GROUP OF DISPLACED PERSONS now living in Long Island have contributed \$103 for "the fight against Bolshevism." The money was sent to the House of Representatives and will be turned over to the U. S. Treasury. In an accompanying letter, the Lithuanian DPs

said "this donation represents a grain of sand," but it comes "from the bottom of the heart and for a great cause." The letter expressed gratitude for the haven granted in the U. S. and lauded America for its action in Korea "against Bolshevism".

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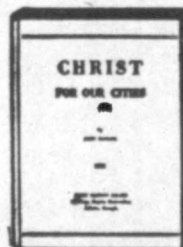
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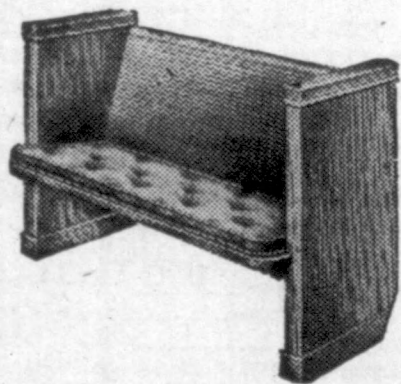
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SOUTHERN SEMINARY AT LOUISVILLE reports twenty new students enrolled for the winter term, making the total enrollment 973. In addition, 43 men and women are enrolled in the School of Church Music.

DR. HENRY BENNETT, prominent Oklahoma Baptist, has been appointed by President Truman to administer the Point-4 program.

FOUR CHINESE ROMAN CATHOLICS, including two priests, were recently convicted of espionage, attempted assassination, and complicity with the Nationalists. They were executed.

THE REV. ROBERT C. CANNON, pastor of the Merton Avenue Baptist Church, Memphis, will be heard each morning at seven o'clock, Monday through Friday, in a series of "VICTORY THROUGH FAITH BROADCASTS," over Station WHBQ.

REV. CARL E. TALBERT, who went from the pastorate at Marion to the West Side Church, Bessemer, Ala., recently began his fourth year with that church. During the past three years there have been 84 additions, by baptism, and 136 by letter. Total gifts have amounted to \$47,000.

EVANGELISTIC SINGER ROBERT L. Cooper of Aberdeen was recently in a revival at Paul's Valley Church, Oklahoma. There were 114 additions.

ON DECEMBER 18 DR. J. G. CHASTAIN, our oldest emeritus-missionary, a graduate of Mississippi College and the Southern Seminary, who served 30 years in Mexico and 10 years in Cuba and in Tampa, Florida, will celebrate his 97th birthday. It would be a fine gesture of friendship and appreciation if you would send him a word of greeting. His address is Poplarville, Mississippi.

PRESIDENT D. M. NELSON and Dean Howard E. Spell have returned from Richmond, Va. where they attended a meeting of the Southern Association of Colleges, one of the agencies by which the college is accredited. Dr. Nelson was elected to membership on the Accrediting Commission at this meeting, a position which requires work and responsibility, but which is an honor to him and to Mississippi College.

REV. WALTER F. BISBEE, who served as part-time R. A. Secretary in Mississippi while attending Mississippi College has been elected to a similar position in California. He is now a student at the Golden Gate Seminary in Berkeley, California.

PROVIDENCE CHURCH IN FRANKLIN County is an old-time friend of the Baptist Record and proves it year by year. Recently the treasurer, G. C. Oglesby, sent a nice list of renewals.

BLUE MOUNTAIN, MISS., DEC. 7—At the annual Lottie Moon program here last night, Miss Rebecca Barnette, Philadelphia, representing the Blue Mountain College Young Woman's Auxiliary, reported the Auxiliary had donated \$512.08 to the Lottie Moon Offering. The goal was \$230.

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS BEGIN AT Mississippi College on Dec. 16 and work is resumed January 2.

SALEM CHURCH IN LAUDERDALE County is making progress in every phase of the church program, under the leadership of the pastor, Rev. Jewel Goldman. A large group attended a social gathering at the church on November 29th.

TENTATIVE FIGURES SHOW 371,000 baptisms for 1949, a record high for Southern Baptists.

TRAINING UNION ENROLLMENT has exceeded the 1,400,000 mark, a gain of nearly 200,000 during the year.

SUNDAY SCHOOL ENROLLMENT has climbed close to the 5,000,000 mark, a gain of more than 300,000 during the year.

DR. ORIN CORNETT, VICE-PRESIDENT of Oklahoma Baptist University, has been elected executive-secretary of the SBC Education Commission effective Feb. 1.

R. H. FALWELL, JR. HAS BEEN elected state Student Secretary in Alabama.

AMONG RECENT VISITORS IN THE Baptist Building were: Rev. E. R. Briggance, Gloster; Rev. Percy Magee, Valden; Dr. J. L. Boyd, Clinton; Rev. C. E. Snowden, Longview; Dr. I. E. Rouse, Hattiesburg; Rev. J. C. Pinson, Angie, La.; Rev. J. A. Barnhill, Jackson; Rev. Billy Roby, Clinton; Rev. Bert Powell, Clinton; Rev. Hubert A. Thrasher, Gallman; M. L. Rodgers, Tupelo; Rev. C. M. Day, Durant; Rev. Paul O. Lee, Clinton; Rev. and Mrs. C. E. Maples, Clinton; Wayne Eanes, Brooksville.

C. LAMAR ALEXANDER, DIRECTOR of Music and Education of the First Church, Pascagoula, has written an inspiring and helpful article which appears in the January issue of the Sunday School Builder concerning the growth of the work at Pascagoula. The article is entitled "462 Additions in 463 Days."

DR. W. E. GREENE AND DR. O. P. Moore were in Memphis on Friday of last week purchasing some material for a freezing unit for the Clarke College dining hall.

REV. E. D. ESTES AND NOT E. S. Estes was the writer of the article in "Our Readers Write" which appeared last week.

DR. I. E. FARR WAS REFERRED TO in last week's issue as dean of Clarke College. Rev. Troy H. Mohon is the dean.

SLAYDEN CHURCH, WHICH HAS AN annual Christmas party where gifts are exchanged, voted to bring the money that would have been spent for gifts to the church and place the money in a Christmas stocking, which will be placed on the pulpit. The money therein will be designated for Foreign Missions and sent through the Cooperative Program. Rev. H. E. Keen, Jr., is the pastor.

IN THE JANUARY ISSUE OF THE Sunday School Builder, many will benefit by the helpful article "Use January Bible Study Week for High Purposes." The article is written by Dr. W. Douglas Hudgins, pastor of the First Church, Jackson. Dr. Hudgins places real importance on this emphasis week and sets several goals to which we should attain.

THE BAPTIST RECORD HAS RECEIVED a copy of the minutes of the Lebanon Association, of which Rev. J. W. Wood is the moderator and T. W. Talkington is the clerk. The 1951 meeting will be held at the Brooklyn Church on October 9.

-- BAPTIST TRAINING UNION --

Auber J. Wilds, State Secretary — Box 530, Jackson 105, Mississippi
Associates: W. C. Morgan, Louise Hill, Alene Johnson



MR. J. D. RIDDLE

It is our pleasure this year to have Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Riddle of Dallas, Texas with us for our State Training Union Convention that will meet with First Baptist Church, Columbus, Miss., December 28-29. Mr. Riddle is Secretary of the Music Department of Texas Baptist Convention and Mrs. Riddle is an associate in the department. They will have part in the Music Festivals on Thursday the 28th. Their contribution will be highly acceptable and we extend to them heartiest greetings.

Last month we organized 49 new unions in the state—9 Story Hours, 12 Junior, 9 Intermediate, 8 Young People's, 11 Adult. These were in fourteen churches.

1,758 study course awards were issued to members in 33 associations in October. Five (5) associations in the state issued more than 1,000 study course awards the past year—Hinds leads in number with 2,259; Lauderdale is second with 1,122 a gain of 417 over the preceding year; Jones, 1,086 a gain of 206; Lincoln ties Jones with 1,086 with a gain over the previous year of 432; Calhoun, 1,029, leading all others in gain. Their gain over the year before was 717.

Interested in awards by departments last month for S. B. C.? Adults led with 9,580; Juniors, 5,421; Intermediate, 5,097; Young People, 4,560; Administration, 3,235. Adults are really taking their place and carrying the others along with them—as it should be.

Three of our churches issued over 200 awards the last associational year—First Jackson, 251; First Gulfport, 234; Davis Memorial, Jackson, 214. Hats off to these three and "coats off" to the others who should have been in this group. Why not do it!

AGRICOLA TRAINING UNION HITS PEAK

Thanks to pastor O. B. Robertson of Agricola for a word about the growing interest in their Training Union. A peak attendance was reached near the end of the associational year with 185. The average for the year was 115, and this with a new building program in progress and many nights with inadequate heat. Congratulations and best wishes, Agricola.



MRS. J. D. RIDDLE

MORGAN BECOMES DIRECTOR OF MUSIC

The Training Union Department suffers a great loss in the going of Mr. W. C. Morgan, who for nearly three years has been a member of the Training Union staff, to the department of music. The Convention Board re-established the Music Department, and in session last week elected Mr. Morgan as Director. He has served unselfishly, and efficiently in the Training Union Department and will continue to lead, in a great way, in this enlarged field of opportunity. We commend him to you. You already know and love him.

—Auber J. Wilds.

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FUJEN UNIVERSITY, ROMAN CATHOLIC institution in Peiping, has been seized by the Chinese government.

THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN the U. S. A. (Northern) reported more than 1,100 missionaries on October 1, 1950, but noted that this number is below the minimum which it seeks to maintain at all times.

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Mrs. J. H. Street, of Laurel, taught the My Covenant book, Christian Witnessing to the Miss. Southern BSUs recently. . . . Five unsaved are reported from MSCW . . . Delta State BSUs gave the Student Night program at the Cleveland Church, had a Thanksgiving supper for foreign students, supplied the music for a revival, recently. Thirty-three unsaved are reported . . . E. Central Jr. had a great Religious Emphasis Week with Bob Denny. Eight joined the Decatur church, three others were converted. E. C. J. C reports 50 unsaved . . . Pearl River Jr. reports six unsaved . . . Miss. College students and faculty gave \$277.36 last month; two students joined the Clinton church . . . Southwest Jr. had the first BSU social ever held there recently with an attendance of 157. There are only 171 boarding students. Seven joined the Summit church last month . . . 152 Miss State students are members of the Starkville church, four joining last month . . . "Pray for me that I might do the Lord's work to the best of my ability," writes a State Council member . . . "I'm so thankful that I have the opportunity of serving on the Council," writes another . . . We're sorry to lose Miss Margery Smith as BSU secretary for E. Central Jr., at Decatur. Margery has done a lot of good work for the Lord and we shall surely miss her. She is now office manager of the Radiology Dept. of the Baptist Memorial Hospital, Memphis. Going to Decatur as her successor is Miss Gladys Bryant, of Hattiesburg, who has been a field worker with our State Training Union Dept. We are

thankful to have Miss Bryant with us in the work and feel sure the Lord will use her in a great way. She is a graduate of Clarke College and of the New Orleans Seminary . . . Itta Bena, First, Natchez, Crystal Springs, Cleveland, Oxford, and many, many other churches are to have Student Night at Christmas. Is your church? Write us for info, materials . . . Missouri Baptists have provided \$50,000 toward the completion of the Bible chair and BSU center at Columbia, adjacent to the campus of the University of Missouri . . . Clarke College BSU has a Brotherhood as one of its unit organizations, as does Delta State . . . In recent days, have been blessed by visits at Miss. College and Delta State . . .

Recently made a brief and enjoyable visit to Delta State where Pastor W. H. Clark, BSU Sec'y Roy Isbell and the BSUs of D. S. T. C. are enthusiastic over prospects of a Student Center there soon. . . . Correction: there were ten instead of eleven members of the fourteen State Council members at our first meeting Nov. 18. Next meeting: noon, Jan. 13, Sat. . . . We're looking forward to our Retreat at Co-Lin Jr. College April 20-21, 1951. . . . Woman's College and Blue Mtn. both have First Magnitude BSUs. This is the highest standard. We're proud of these two. . . . Ole Miss reports 91 students of no church membership who are Baptist preference. . . . Baptist potential, including student families, at Miss. State is estimated at 1550. Six joined the Starkville Church, 143 were members of the church, \$272.63 was given by students during Oct.

CONCORD GOES FULL-TIME



REV. REECE KYZAR

Concord Church in Franklin County has voted to promote a full-time program. Rev. Reece Kyzar, who came as pastor in April, has led the church in this decision after serving half-time for six months.

A building program is underway which will include a library, kitchenette and more Sunday School room. There have been 17 additions to the church and the attendance has shown remarkable increase.

Mr. Kyzar is a senior at Mississippi College and came to the church from the pastorate at Dockery in Sunflower County.

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THE PROPER LENGTH OF A SERMON should be determined not by minutes but by the interest of the hearers. —The Brotherhood Journal.

CHANGES AMONG THE CHURCHES

By REV. LEON V. YOUNG, Clinton

Called and accepted:

John W. Salzman, First, Muskogee, Okla., from Bonham.

Ted M. Jones, Brandon Church, Tampa, Fla., from Semmes, Ala.

Marshall G. Mines, Superintendent, City Missions, Tampa, Fla., from First Church, Live Oak.

James S. Riley, First, Paris, Texas, from Wills Point, Texas.

Newton V. Cole, First, Carey, Okla., from Rock Prairie.

J. T. Finderburk, McDonald Memorial, Orange, Texas.

Bill Johnson, Orangefield, Texas.

J. L. King, Loco, Texas, from Quanah.

W. Lloyd Hellams, Southside, Columbia, S. C., from Springfield, Ky.

Fred Tarpley, Island Home Ch., Knoxville, Tenn., from Ist, Barhourville, Ky.

M. D. Lampo, Olivet Ch., Cola, Fla.

Connie a Dabney, Brainerd Ch., Chattanooga, Tenn., from Crawford Ave., Augusta, Ga.

H. M. Linkow, Green St., Dalton, Ga., from Olive St., Chattanooga, Tenn.

Thomas B. Guinn, Josephine, Tex., from Kennedy.

D. A. Williams, Frankston, Tex., from Chandler.

Thomas McKee, Pineland, Tex., from Burkville.

H. V. Gray, Idlewild Ch., Mesquite, Tex., from Simpsonville.

G. M. Bailey, Call Junction, Texas.

Holland P. Smith, First, Bremond, Texas, from Morgan Mill.

Bill Morgan, First, Herty, Texas.

Roy P. Young, First, Lewisville, Tex., from Denton.

F. A. Walton, North Beach, Corpus Christi, Texas, from Clarkwood.

Joe Amerine, Heights, Laredo, Texas, from First, Laredo.

Ralph E. Perkins, First, Ranger, Texas, from Sweetwater.

Belmont Church Destroyed By Fire

By REV. L. C. RILEY

The Belmont Baptist Church was completely destroyed by fire last Sunday morning (Dec. 3). All efforts to save the building immediately after the fire was discovered utterly failed. Our own local fire department, the Red Bay, (Ala.) fire department, together with many citizens were unable to extinguish the flames. It was a total loss except for the Connsonette organ recently purchased and a new pulpit recently given the pastor together with The Lord's Treasury chests and tables.

My daughter Suzanne was at the organ making some final preparations for the morning service when the fire was detected. The organ being almost over the furnace in the basement where the fire started she rushed to the door on the opposite side of the auditorium and gave the alarm, but we couldn't save the building.

Some 12 years ago the brethren started the building completing the basement which ran the full length of the auditorium and educational building. Here they worshipped for a number of years and finished the superstructure as they were able. Only last year were we able to finish the rooms in the educational building and seat them. The ashes now being soaked by the rain truly represent prayer, sweat, blood, and tears. My library which was made up over a period of 30 years was destroyed.

Meeting in the Community Building of our little town last Sunday night the response of the people manifest was that which Nehemiah heard "Let us rise up and build". One man and his wife who are members handed me a check for \$1,000 before leaving the ground Sunday. Others are responding. We are discouraged, but not cast down. The God of Moses, Elijah, and Daniel; the Christ of Peter, Paul, and John still lives.

Our prayer is that we may learn the lesson the Lord has for us in this trial and receive the blessing that He always has for His people who hear Him, and trust Him, and serve Him.

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Daniel Memorial Adds Forty During Revival

The Daniel Memorial Church in Jackson held a revival December 3-10 in which there were 40 additions, 18 by baptism.

Dr. R. C. Campbell, author and evangelist of Shelby, North Carolina, who was to do the preaching became ill during the meeting. Pastor Wayne Todd did the preaching at the remaining services. The Minister of Music, James T. Luck, had charge of the revival music.

J. L. RASBERRY ORDAINED



J. L. RASBERRY

J. L. Rasberry was recently ordained to the full ministry of the gospel by the Key Field Church, Meridian.

The council was composed of: Rev. E. C. Farr, Dr. E. I. Farr, Dr. W. E. Greene, Rev. C. O. Lindsey, O. L. Rasberry, Rev. L. T. Dyess and Rev. R. H. Cherry, host pastor.

The candidate was licensed by the church a year ago and is now enrolled at Clarke College. He is serving half-time as pastor of Hickory Grove church.

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Lorena Has Special Service

An all-day service was held at Lorena Church on Thanksgiving day in celebration of the 83rd birthday of Rev. Dan Moulder.

Speakers during the day included Rev. Herbert Cothen, Jr., Rev. Guller Henderson, Rev. Charlie Sandifer, pastor, Rev. Guy Henderson, Dr. W. E. Greene, Rev. Byron E. Mathis, John Smith, Kily Sullivan, Erman Myers, Cleave Fortenberry, Hindes Windstead, John B. Murrar, Albert Kennedy, Matthew Ardner, Will Howell, Jim Howell, Oscar Ingram, Dr. W. C. Land and Rev. Robert Thompson.

Following dinner on the grounds, Rev. Byron E. Mathis led in a devotional.

A gift of \$365 was given to Mr. Moulder.

The program was brought to a climax when Mr. Moulder delivered the message "The Trials and Triumphs of a Country Preacher."

Rev. C. S. Moulder served as Master of Ceremonies.

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DR. S. R. WOODSEN

Shown above is Dr. S. R. Woodsen, Pastor, First Baptist Church, Columbus, who was recently elected as Pastor Advisor for the Mississippi Baptist Brotherhood Convention. The Brotherhood at Columbus, First Church, is the oldest continuous Brotherhood organization in the Southern Baptist Convention. We shall look to Dr. Woodsen for counsel in our work this year.

BROTHERHOOD COMMITTEE REPORT

December 5, 1950

Seventy-four Brotherhoods have been organized since the last report, and 18 since our new year of state-wide work began, making a total of 92 new Brotherhoods organized for a new high for any similar period. This gives the commendable number of 389 Brotherhoods for our state.

We are happy to note that ten new Associational Brotherhood organizations have been effected, making 39 of our 72 Associations having Associational Brotherhoods.

The attendance at our eight District Conferences this year reached 1549 men, as compared to 1452 the previous year. We also note with gratitude the large attendance of between 1,000-1,200 men at our recent Brotherhood Convention held at Jackson.

We recommend to our Churches and Pastors:

1. Full cooperation in the following matters that are of general interest to our work. First, every church be urged to organize its men into a Brotherhood. Second, that the churches of each association organize their men into an associational Brotherhood to meet quarterly. Third, urge the churches to cooperate fully in connection with the Leadership Conferences and Laymen's Rallies to be directed by Brother Quarles from January 8 through 26 in the fifteen Training Union districts. Four, recommend they plan a Baptist Men's Rally in every association in Mississippi on Monday night, March 5, in connection with the great Simultaneous Evangelistic Crusade. This is a recommendation by Dr. Matthews and he is asking that an attendance figure of not less than 5% of the church membership of each church be set for this rally in each association. Five, urge the men of the church to support with their time, talents, and money the great Evangelistic Crusade in Mississippi from March 25 to April 8.

2. We recommend the increase in the Brotherhood Budget of \$940.00, which is a fair part for our Brotherhood in sharing the larger responsibilities of Laymen's Rallies and other meetings in preparation for the 1951 Evangelistic Crusade.

3. We urge pastors and laymen alike, who shall lead out in setting up new Brotherhood Organizations, both in the local churches as well as Associationally, to go over the general field of work suggested for our Brotherhood activities; teaching those who shall lead in the new organizations their real duties and the program of Brotherhood activities BEFORE the work is begun.

We further urge that in all Brotherhoods a weekly meeting be held, using the programs from our Brotherhood Journal and other suitable materials.

We commend our State Brotherhood Secretary and staff, for their untiring labors, and ask all our men, pastors and laymen, to share with them the prayer and expectation of an ever-enlarging program and staff for the reaching of the masses of our men, until we pastors shall shout as men did in the days of King Saul: "There went with him a band of men whose hearts God had touched."

—Brotherhood Committee.

CHURCH LEADERSHIP CONFERENCES AND LAYMEN'S RALLIES PLANNED

Dr. Chester L. Quarles, Executive Secretary, Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, is planning a series of fifteen Church Leadership Conferences and Laymen's Rallies, January 8-26. This is the first series of meetings that our State Secretary has planned since coming to the work. A morning, afternoon and evening session will be held in each of the fifteen Training Union Districts and the program is designed primarily for church leaders in every phase of our church program. Dr. Quarles has called on us to promote the men's rallies in connection with these conferences. The night services in each district will be primarily for men. Dr. Quarles will be one of the speakers each evening and then we will have a second speaker. George Schroeder of the Memphis office, will speak one week and Dr. Harry L. Spencer will speak one week. We shall select a speaker for the third week. Men! let's not let our Secretary down in this the first thing he has asked us to do. Meeting places and dates will be announced by Dr. Quarles later.

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RANKIN M-NIGHT RALLY HAS RECORD ATTENDANCE

A record attendance of 519 persons from 22 churches met at Puckett church for the December "M" Night Training Union rally.

Dr. A. A. Kitchings, Clinton, brought the main address, "Mobilizing For Christ." A feature of the program was a thirty minute forum in which all the directors participated, outlining plans for 1951. D. Moon conducted the singing and Miss Virginia McLain, Puckett, accompanied at the piano.

Antioch church won the attendance banner with 50 present, while Union was a close second with 48.

Rev. Louis Ward Stanger, Brandon, former associational missionary for the county, is the 1951 Director.

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The above picture is that of the Negro Vacation Bible School that was sponsored by the Sunbeam band of the Bruce Baptist church, Mrs. Drew Cannon, leader.

Mrs. Cannon says, "This was the very highlight of my life, yielding to God's will. We enrolled 100, had an average attendance of 77, and had eight professions of faith."

Such schools present to our white Baptists a great opportunity for some of our best mission work. Spiritual service is the best of the ways to improve race relations among all peoples.

TRAINING DOES HELP

"This is our first time to have the study course, and it was very successful. It has helped our officers and teachers, and we all understand our work better," says the pastor of one of our

churches in the state.

Indeed, it does greatly help when the officers and teachers learn more and more about their work. If the church will provide training opportunities for the workers, some of them will take advantage of them.

HERE'S A GOOD ONE

On page 22 of the November issue of the Sunday School BUILDER is an excellent outline of a suggested program for the weekly officers and teachers' meeting.

Many workers want such from time to time, and Mr. Crowe has given a good one here in this fine treatment of this valuable meeting.

So, Brother Superintendent, turn to that page right now and read carefully this helpful article and see where you can profit from it for your own school.

AND HERE'S ANOTHER ONE

Do you need new ideas for your Junior assembly programs?

If you do, there is help for you in the fine, new book, "A Year of Junior Programs," by Robbie Trent. Get it at the Baptist Book Store, Jackson, for \$2.00 per copy.

CALENDAR FOR PRAYER

December 18—Mrs. Roger Kilpatrick, Winston County WMU Superintendent; Rev. Carmen Savell, Bolivar County Convention Board member.

December 19—Rev. W. B. Boatner, Neshoba County Sunday School Superintendent; Rev. Vernon May, Hollandale, Baptist Hospital trustee.

December 20—Malcolm E. Gillis, Blue Mountain College faculty; Dr. Lawrence T. Lowrey, Baptist Memorial Hospital trustee.

December 21—Willie Vesta Winslett, of Blue Mountain, State BSU Magazine Representative; Joe H. McCully, Louisville, Baptist Orphanage Trustee.

December 22—Rev. Louis Ward Stanger, Rankin County Training Union Director; E. O. Murrell, McComb, Baptist Foundation trustee.

December 23—Prof. E. L. Douglas, Mississippi College faculty; W. Z. Huggins, Quitman, Mississippi Education Commission.

December 24—Student Night at Christmas Programs.

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THE PEIPING RADIO HAS ANNOUNCED an agreement with Chinese religious groups which it alleges will allow them to carry on their work. The agreement calls for (1) purge of imperialist influences; (2) Halt support from abroad; (3) Educate followers against evils of "imperialism, feudalism, bureaucratic capitalism"; and (4) Churches must unify all religious sects. It has not been approved by all groups.

GOING PLACES

By A. L. GOODRICH

BOGUE CHITTO SENDS E. F. LIST

Rev. John C. Allen, pastor of the Bogue Chitto church in Neshoba County, writes that Bogue Chitto has made the Baptist Record a part of its program.

A list of 14 names was received with instructions to send the bill monthly.

Pastor Allen serves both Bogue Chitto Church and Hopewell Church in this county, and a list was recently received from the Hopewell Church.

Record readers in Neshoba County are now listed as follows: Antioch, 1; Bethsaida, 8; NEW BLACK JACK, 22; COLDWATER, 43; Deemer, 1; DIXON, 26; Emmanuel, 16; HOPE, 26; Laurel Hill, 8; LINWOOD, 47; McDonald, 13; NESHOPA, 46; NEW HARMONY, 28; NEW HOPE, 43; PHILADELPHIA, FIRST, 304; SARDIS, 27; SPRING CREEK, 53; HIGH HILL, 45; BEACON STREET, 44; Hopewell 16.

SPANISH FORT IS NUMBER 986

One of the latest additions to the growing list of churches that have adopted the popular progressive EVERY FAMILY Plan of the Baptist Record is the Spanish Fort Church.

A letter from Mrs. Leslie Thompson brings a list and the news that the church has made the Baptist Record a part of its program.

Rev. Ollie Bryant is the pastor.

Spanish Fort Church is a member of the Sharkey-Issaquena Association which was recently organized from churches formerly members of the Deer Creek Association.

Sharkey-Issaquena County churches having the Baptist Record are now listed as follows: ANGUILLA, 50; CARY, 25; CATCHINGS, 36; ROLLING FORK, 121; SPANISH FORT, 17; STRAIGHT BAY-OU, 21; Mayersville, 6; VALLEY PARK, 14 and Issaquena, 2.

GREENWOOD STARTS RIGHT

When a church starts right you know that it's going to be right.

Greenwood Church in Pike County, which is a new church, has made a fine start, for already the church has adopted the Baptist Record as a part of its program.

The church was organized on October 15 with 51 charter members. A list of 23 names were sent to the Baptist Record by the treasurer, G. L. Dunn, with instructions to send the Baptist Record to the members of this new church.

Record readers in Pike County are now listed as follows: BALA CHITTO, 53; BLUFF SPRINGS, 47; BOGUE CHITTO, 49; CALVARY, 56; CENTRAL, 136; EAST McCOMB, 249; FERNWOOD, 63; FRIENDSHIP, 109; HOLMESVILLE, 33; JOHNSTON STATION, 33; McCOMB, FIRST, 447; McCOMB, SOUTHSIDE, 163; MAGNOLIA, 206; OSYKA, 90; PROGRESS, 38; SILVER CREEK, 55; SILVER SPRINGS, 55; SUMMIT, 125; TANGIPAHOA, 86; TERRY'S CREEK, 74; GREENWOOD, 23; THOMPSON, 26; UNION, 48.

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EAST BRIDGEWATER, MASS. —
(RNS)— Roman Catholics here have been ordered to give back Gideon Bibles distributed to all public school children at school assemblies. The Rev. Edward J. Sullivan, pastor of St. Ann's Church, said he had instructed parents of Catholic pupils in his parish to return the Bibles.

Fancher Accepts New Hope Pastorate To Dedicate Evergreen Annex



REV. JAMES FANCHER

Rev. James Fancher has accepted the pastorate of the New Hope Church in Marion County and will assume his duties on December 24. He will serve the church in connection with his work at the New Orleans Seminary, where he and his wife are in school.

Mr. Fancher has been serving two half-time churches, Evergreen in Winston County and Edinburg in Leake County.

During his pastorate at Evergreen an educational building has been constructed and is now completed. Special services have been planned for December 17, when it will be dedicated. This will be the last Sunday before the pastor assumes his new work.

During his 22 months at Evergreen there were 36 professions of faith, a WMU was organized, Cooperative Program gifts increased, new side-walks added and a piano purchased.

There were 39 professions of faith during his ministry at the Edinburg Church, where he served from March, 1948 until he entered the Seminary in the fall. Butane heat and an attic fan were installed, a piano purchased, windows replaced, and the basement painted. The church increased its services from quarter to half time and raised the pastor's salary from \$20 to \$75 per month. The EVERY FAMILY plan was adopted and Cooperative Program gifts were increased. Rev. Billy Roby succeeds Mr. Fancher in the Edinburg pastorate.

Mr. and Mrs. Fancher will live in the New Hope parsonage on week-ends and during the summers.

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Ed. Commission Elects New Secretary

RICHMOND, Va. —(BP)— The Southern Baptist Convention Education Commission elected an executive secretary. He is Dr. Richard Orin Cornett, 37, vice-president of Oklahoma Baptist University.

Dr. Cornett is a layman and has majored in physics. A native of Oklahoma and a graduate of O.B.U., he received his Ph.D. from the University of Texas in 1939. The author of several textbooks in physics and mathematics, he lectured at Harvard University from 1942-45 on electronics.

He will have offices in Nashville, Tenn., beginning February 1.

JACKSON COUNTY BTU HAS "M" NIGHT

There were 280 people, representing 14 churches, in attendance at the December meeting of the Jackson County BTU Association, which met at East Moss Point Church. The program was under the direction of the associational missionary, Rev. Wallace Harrell.

Those taking part in the program were Rev. Truett Broadus, Dr. Chas. L. McKay, Rev. Zeno Wells, Rev. William L. Warren, Mrs. O. B. Loper, Sr., Miss Gan Bliss, Mrs. B. McGinty.

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Three Licensed At Main Street Church

19 Organize Volunteer Band

On December 6 the Main Street Church, Hattiesburg, licensed three of its young men to the full time Gospel Ministry. They are: Ray Grissett, Jimmy Toomey, and Robert Robbins.

Present in the service were nine other full-time Christian volunteers. In addition to these twelve there are seven other young people who have surrendered their lives to full-time Christian service, making a total of nineteen.

At the conclusion of the prayer meeting hour a Christian Volunteer Band was organized composed only of those who have surrendered their lives for full-time Christian service. The purpose of this band is three-fold: first, for fellowship with others who have answered God's call; second, for consolation and discussion of personal problems; third, for doing of special Christian work such as holding services, doing personal work, etc.

Columbus Subscribes Largest Budget Ever, 50% For Missions

The First Church, Columbus, has subscribed and adopted a budget of \$88,750 for 1951, the largest in the history of the church. Of this amount fifty percent will go for Missions and Benevolences (40.4% for the Cooperative Program and 9.6% for designated Mission items).

The above amount is exclusive of the Building Fund. An effort is being made to raise \$75,000 over and above the regular budget, to be used to remodel and air-condition the present building and build a small children's building.

Judge Joe Sams led the church in the six-week Stewardship Emphasis, during which time pledges were received for the budget.

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Sunday School Lesson

Prepared by Dr. Bracey Campbell
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VICTORIOUS DAILY LIVING

II Corinthians 11:13-33; 12:7-10; Philippians 3:4-11; II Timothy 4; James 1:24.

I. THE COMMON LOT

When you have read the lesson material, pause for a moment to review the fact that Paul's experience as he here records it, has very much in common with the experience of any real, worth-while Christian. A life of any sort has its hurdles, its difficult moments, its uneven courses.

Christian life is not only no exception to this common experience, but is more emphatically an illustration of it. There is just no such thing as a Christian life whose current goes smooth and untripped on its way. And the greater the life is the more certainly it has and has had its uneven places.

Other people than Christians have their trials and troubles and seem to get worse rather than better because of them. Very true, and that is just the difference between the Christian and the non-Christian. The man of Christ will turn, as his Master turned, every experience and circumstance to his heart's improvement. When he finds an obstacle in his way, he walks around it on the side where God is standing.

II. THE SITUATION PAUL FACED IN CORINTH

During the entire course of his ministry, Paul's footsteps were hounded by a pack of werewolves that yelped on his track such charges as that he was not an apostle, that he was beside himself, that he did not know the truth and that he was not teaching even the truth that he knew. Paul is the greatest Christian the church has produced in all its history. There have perhaps been other men as good as he, perhaps others as wise and courageous; but none of them have by their lives, their writings, their missionary labors, made anything like so deep an impression upon institutions or furnished material for so many glowing pages of Christian history.

But in this fact of being misunderstood, misinterpreted, and misjudged, Paul is by no means unique. Every great and small religious leader in the world meets the same fate. Every preacher of any denomination, elder, steward, deacon, or private who has been faithful in the army of the Prince of Peace, will have, as souvenirs and medals of honor, scars which mark him as the object of the slings and arrows of vicious slander and malicious hate.

III. PAUL MEETS HIS CRITICS ON THEIR GROUND

They had claimed a superiority to Paul of such degree that they assumed an authority over the Christians far above any he had ever thought of asserting. And now he condescends to make answer. He had been modest in all his dealings with men everywhere. His critics had taken advantage of this holy reticence to boast that Paul was a nobody, and that they, his critics, were emphatically somewhat, some-who (or should I have said "somewhom").

If these worthies want to base their worthiness on worldly foundations, Paul will not shrink from a comparison with them. "Are they Hebrews? So am I. Are they Israelites? So am I. Are they the seed of Abraham? So am I. Are they ministers of Christ? I more." So he is not one whit behind the chief of his traducers.

IV. PAUL'S SUPERIOR SURRENDERS

Read this glorious list of the labors and tribulations of this grand old hero. His labors, his sufferings in prison, his

R. E. Dudley Dies



ROY E. DUDLEY

Roy Elliott Dudley, 59, executive editor of the Baptist Standard, died late Saturday night, December 9, at Baylor Hospital in Dallas. He was ill only from 6:30 that morning.

A well-known writer among Southern Baptists, he was probably best known for two widely-reprinted columns which he wrote, "Deacon's Viewpoint," and "Reconnaissance." He reported for the Baptists of Texas the last six conventions of Southern Baptists and the last World Alliance meeting.

"Brother Dudley was one of the greatest laymen I have known," said Dr. Marshall Craig of Gaston Avenue church at the funeral services Monday.

"His place will be extremely difficult to fill, not only with the Standard but with every phase of our Texas Baptist program," stated Dr. David M. Gardner, Baptist Standard editor.

endurance of blows and buffetings, his suffering of the very pangs of death, his being whipped at the stake five times and beaten with rods three others; stoned once, shipwrecked thrice; on long journeys during the course of which he has been in perils from rivers, from robbers, his own countrymen, the heathen, in cities, in wildernesses, in seas, and amongst false brethren; in labor and travail, in hunger and thirst, in fastings, in cold and nakedness; and above all else, anxiety for all the churches. "Who is weak, when I through sympathy share not his weakness? Who is caused to stumble, and my heart burn not with indignation against his tempter?"

This attitude of the great apostle came through his suffering, this attitude of care for the churches and every individual who goes to make up the membership of them. Paul did not become a great man in spite of these trials; he became a great man because of them. Every time he met a difficult situation and rose above it, he ascended to a higher plane of living and thenceforth walked at that loftier altitude.

Of course the Christian life is cultivated mainly amid the so-called petty acts of everyday life. But up through the circumstances of daily life, there do at times erupt experiences of such a trying nature that life is stirred to its depths and every capacity of mind and spirit is tested. How, at such times, do we stand the test?

V. HOW PAUL STOOD THE TEST

Paul recognized himself as weak through the flesh, and he gloried in this weakness because it led him to lean more faithfully on his Lord. The weakness was allowed by the Lord that Paul might learn the power of the marvelous grace of God.

Three times he prayed, "O Lord remove this thorn." But the Lord answered, "Lean hard on me, Paul. I'll carry you through, all the way through, but I'll carry you with the thorn. My grace is sufficient for thee." "I will glory in my weakness that the power of Christ may rest upon me."

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ATLANTA, Ga. — Dr. R. G. Lee, Memphis, Tenn., president of the Southern Baptist Convention, (seated, left), is shown with the officers of the Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention elected during its annual convention here. Seated around the desk with Dr. Lee are: Dr. J. B. Lawrence (center), executive secretary-treasurer, who was re-elected to begin his 22nd year in that office; and Frank Garrison, president. The five standing are, left to right: B. M. Crain, business manager; the Rev. W. A. Duncan, vice-president; Carlton Binns, attorney; the Rev. Munro Swilley, recording secretary (stooping); and Dr. Courts Redford, assistant executive secretary. — (Religious News Service Photo.)

Pascagoula Choir To Sing "Messiah"

The Adult Choir of First Church, Pascagoula, will present selections from George Frederick Handel's sacred oratorio, "The Messiah," at 4:00 p. m., December 17. C. Lamar Alexander is the conductor; Mrs. B. G. Allison, guest organist; Mrs. P. J. Higginbotham, pianist. The soloists: Soprano, Mrs. Hal Lee; alto, Mrs. C. Lamar Alexander; tenor, C. Lamar Alexander; guest soloists: soprano, Mrs. Charles S. Mitchell; Miss Dorothy Mitchell; alto, Mrs. James A. Bornman; bass, Mr. Joe Bartlett.

Just as operas are divided into three parts, Part I sets forth the longing of the world for the Saviour, the prophecies of His coming; and events associated with His birth; Part II treats of the fatal manhood years of the Saviour, His sufferings, death and ascension; Part III presents the faith of the believers.

ACCORDING TO THE "REPORT from the Capital" monthly letter of the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs, Bishop Charles Greco of Alexandria, La., describes the Reformation as follows: "The Reformation, as it is called, was engendered in beastly lust, brought forth in hypocrisy and perfidy, and cherished and fed by blunder, devastation, and rivers of innocent English and Irish blood."

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Remember Orphans At Christmas Time

By W. S. MIZE, Superintendent

Many people like to remember our children during the Christmas Season so we are listing the names and ages of our boys and girls in the Orphanage at this time. Your kindness to them will be appreciated.

2 Years—Girls: Shana Mae Laughry, Linda Joe Welch; Boy: Tommy Brewer.

3 Year—Boys: Bobby Bishop, Tyrone Cutrer, Larry Day.

4 Years—Girls: Kay Welch; Boys: John Dudley Gibbs, Richard Morris.

5 Years—Girls: Ann Brewer, Brenda Ann Day, Mary Kay Fant, Lindsay Kay Farmer, Anita Head, Dorris Ann Laughry; Boys: H. G. Bishop, Gary Cutrer, Ernest Drewery.

6 Years—Girls: Joyce Maxine Gibbs, Juanita Hamilton, Patricia King, Patricia Ann Martin, Karen Ann Morris, Joan Roney, Dorothy Fay White; Boys: Robert Atkins, Aubrey Cutrer, Richard Lindsey, James Carroll Nations, Wayman Ottis Wheeler.

7 Years—Girls: Linda Fay Brewer, Jeanette Day, Barbara Lois Drewery, Mary Una Head, Carole Fay Morris; Boys: Leon Bishop, Lamar Bradshaw, Richard Farmer, Otto Gill, Charles Frederick Jones, Melvin Limbert, Jimmy Pittinger, Thomas Ruth, Carl Henry Sullivan.

8 Years—Girls: Mellie Marie Hesler, Claudia Jones, Patricia Ann Jones, Sandra Power, Rhetta Price; Boys: John Henry Day, Melvin King, Dallas Wayne Martin, Joe Smith, Joe Kenneth Vincent.

9 Years—Girls: Rita Atkins, Mary Patricia Drewery, Mary Sue Gill, Diane Hamilton, Patsy Gale Hesler, Maxine King, Margie Nell Lee, Ann Pittinger; Boys: Ray Otis Bates, Ray Howard Bishop, Alton Brewer, James Hancock, David Limbert, Jimmy Lindsey, Everett Ruth.

10 Years—Girls: Patricia Ann Joyce, Fay Morrison, Kay Morrison, Mary Muir, Patricia Wheeler, Earma Jean White; Boys: Perry Hamilton, Henry Wilson Jones, Sharon Lee, William Lindsey, James Morris, Jack Smith, Thomas Wells.

11 Years—Girls: Georgia Lou Barlow, Carol Jean Bates, Helen Gill, Florence Ann Jones, Martha Muir, Dorothy Ann Woods; Boys: James Brewer, William Earl Martin, John Lowery Morris, Edward Nations, Kellon Sullivan.

12 Years—Girls: Hugh Fay Barlow, Laverne Brewer, Ruby Nell Hanberry, Geraldine Miller, Dixie Nell Penton, Evelyn Power, Patricia Smith, Carolyn Strahan; Boys: George William Atkins, Jerry Bishop, Curtis Hancock, Max Lee, John Charles Meaney, Charles Pittinger.

13 Years—Girls: Jewell Barlow, Charlene Bridges, Jean Fant, Audrey Farmer, Barbara Jean Hanberry, Lucy Jane McLeod, Mary Catherine Price; Boys: Jimmy Flaherty, Charles Lindsey, Bennie Ray Rustin, Sonny Smith, Carol Sullivan, Charlie Wells, Rufus White.

14 Years—Girls: Lillian Mae Buchanan, Joan Fant, Rachel Lee, Linda Vincent, Audrey Faith Westrope, Hazel Woods; Boys: Roy Atkins, Woodrow Bishop, Rhuford Farmer.

15 Years—Girls: Bessie Lee Bates, Alene Bridges, Madine Bryan, Fern Byrd, Owana Lee, Mary Jo Pittinger, Barbara Jean Smith, Barbara Jean Wright; Boys: Glen Earl Holland, Richard Kethly, Joe Rustin.

16 Years—Girls: Edna Earl Penton, Marie Rustin, Joyce Simpson, Betty Strahan, Glean Ann Wells, Patsy Wright; Boys: Aubert James Files, Melvin Oglesby.

17 Years—Girls: Wilma Louise Bates, Barbara O'Brian, Carolyn Whatley; Boy: James Holland.

18 Years—Girls: Madge Bryan, Nina Jean Oglesby, Maxine Pittinger, Bobbie



Shown above is the "James Clark" Chapter of the Royal Ambassadors of the Newton Church at their recent Father-Son Banquet. Pastor and Mrs. R. A. Morris are seen at the center of the table and Mrs. H. C. Valentine, Young People's director, is to the right of Mrs. Morris. The counsellors, Mrs. J. T. Thrash and Mrs. S. L. Valentine, are standing.

CLARKE BSU HAS BANQUET

The Clarke College BSU held its annual banquet on December 1, using the theme "We Are Thankful." The dining hall was appropriately decorated, with a "horn of plenty" placed at the speaker's table.

R. F. Conklin, head of the Speech Department, served as toastmaster and W. L. McMullan was the after-dinner speaker. The following students expressed thanks for various phases of Christian life: Jewell Sanderson, W. M. Daves, Sammie Campbell, Rev. William Ellingburg, Frank Morgan, Mrs. George Horn, Edwin Daniels, George T. Parker and Dr. J. F. Carter also addressed the group. The program was interspersed with special music, including a solo by Elaine Dunn and a quartet composed of Charlie Thompson, Tobby Harrington, L. E. Stringer, and Howard Wagstaff.

Rev. Louie Farmer, Jr. is the Student Secretary. Mary Elizabeth Sharp is the Social Chairman, and was assisted by the following: George Dukes, Fabia Rue Jones, Jewell Sanderson, Charlie Thompson, Carl Meriweather and Nell Everett.

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Johnson Resigns At Ruth

Rev. R. C. Johnson has resigned the pastorate at Ruth Church in Lincoln County after a pastorate of two years, in order to accept a pastorate in Gainesville, Georgia. His resignation is effective December 26.

Under his leadership the regular mid-week prayer service grew into a "Family Night," when the auxiliaries of the W.M.U. had their meetings also. A Brotherhood was organized and met at this time.

The Sunday School and Training Union have grown, with each having added several classes.

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"T. E. V. REALLY WORKS":—IN the last issue of PROMOTION it was reported that a pastor said that in his church a pledge to this was secured from one out of every three persons visited. Since that was one out of three persons that was quite significant, as a number of persons were visited in each home. An executive of a large insurance company says "We constantly keep before our men that if they will attempt to make ten visits a day they will actually complete six or seven, and make two or three sales." T. E. V. uniformly produces considerably better results than that. In Mississippi a pastor recently reported "T. E. V. really works! In our church we secured a tithing commitment from every person visited, with one single exception."

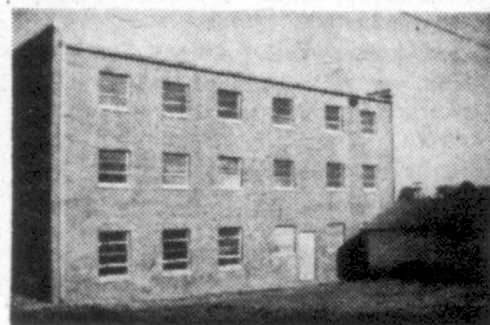
Earl Westrope, Mancelle Yarbrough; Boy: Donald Lee Files.

19 Years—Girl: Jean Simpson.

20 Years—Boy: Lenox Oglesby.

21 Years—Boy: Glen Oglesby.

Morton Occupies Educational Annex



Shown above is the recently occupied three-story educational annex of the Morton Church.

Morton Baptists are now using their beautiful building and spacious new educational annex. The building is a 42' by 62' three story structure built and fully equipped at a cost of \$48,700.

On the first floor is the Nursery, three well equipped rooms for the babies through three years of age, a ladies lounge, a kitchen, men's rest room and a recreational center 21' by 31'.

On the second floor is Beginner, Primary and Junior Departments each having an assembly room, large enough to care for forty people, and four class rooms for each department, with the exception of the Beginner's where there is only a room for each class.

On the third floor is the Intermediate and Young People's Departments and the pastor's study. Each of these departments have an assembly and four class rooms.

The old building houses the Adult Department of the Sunday School.

During the past month the Morton Church has adopted its 1951 budget, and three young people have surrendered their lives to full-time Christian service.

Those committing their lives are: Mattie Helen Keeton, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Keeton; Ann Laseter, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edd Laseter, and Charlene Jones, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Loroy Jones.

The budget adopted totals \$14,100. It includes \$2,000 for the Cooperative Program; associational missionary, \$480; literature, \$500; pastor's salary, \$3,600; educational director, \$3,000.

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SAINT LOUIS, MO. — (BR) — MISSOURI Baptists voted in their annual convention here to withdraw affiliation from the Kansas City Baptist Memorial Hospital, following the action of the Kansas City Baptist Association. The hospital board of directors had accepted money from the federal government for enlargement purposes, an action deemed by Missouri Baptists to be a clear violation of the principle of separation of church and state.

East Moss Point Has Stewardship Month

55% PLEDGE TO TITHE

November was Stewardship month in the East Moss Point Church. Rev. Zeno Wells, pastor, used the theme in his messages weekly. The emphasis was included in the regular Sunday School and Training Union literature. November 6-10 the church held a Stewardship Revival.

The speaker and subject for each of the "Five Great Nights" was as follows: Dr. Joe T. Odle, First Church, Gulfport, "The Christian, a Changed Man"; Rev. James H. Street, Second Avenue, Laurel, "The Christian and His Church"; Rev. Lewis Wells, Forest Hill, Jackson, "The Christian and His Influence"; Dr. J. E. Barnes, Main Street, Hattiesburg, "The Christian and His Possessions", and Executive Secretary Chester Charles, Jackson, brought the closing message, "Fuller Consecration of Life."

At the end of the emphasis when an opportunity was given 149 or 55 per cent of the total resident membership pledged to tithe.

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D'Lo Pastor Has First Anniversary

Much progress has been made by the D'Lo Church, under the leadership of Pastor W. T. Miller, who has just closed his first year's work.

"Building A Standard Sunday School" was taught by the pastor, and the attendance has grown each Sunday. The unified Budget System has been adopted, and the record system improved.

A new roof has been installed on the church building, floors have been sanded and varnished, and pews restained. Offerings for all causes for the past year amounted to more than \$4,000 and new tithers have been won.

Recently the church presented the pastor with a beautiful Croten wrist watch in appreciation for his leadership and they raised his salary by ten per cent.

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PASTORS FURNISH BOOKS FOR NEGRO PREACHERS

The pastors of the Pearl River Association have enlisted the financial support of their churches in providing good books for the Negro pastors of that area. The committee of pastors has provided seven books for each pastor each quarter in the year, making a total of 28.

The program is set up so as to continue this kind of encouragement.

(Editor's Note: Other pastors and pastors' conferences might do well to pattern after this worthy plan.)